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WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE Senate has divided its time this week between the Philippine revenue bill and Senator Nelson's bill providing for the establishment of a department of Commerce in accordance with the recommendations contained in the President's message. The majority of the Philippine Committee still have the floor on the revenue bill and as soon as they have concluded their argument the minority report will be taken up and championed by the democratic side of the chamber. While no actual progress can be reported on the Nelson bill, a better understanding of its provisions is being arrived at and the way paved for its ultimate passage.

Senator Henshaw of North Dakota is working assiduously for the irrigation bill, the provisions of which were agreed upon by the informal "committee of seventeen." In reply to my question as to how he met the argument that government irrigation would result in bringing more land into competition with Eastern farmers and tend to lower the prices of their products, the Senator made the following statement: "The settlement of the humid and sub-humid public lands during the past decade has proceeded at the rate of eight to fifteen million acres per year and an examination of the prices of farm products will show there has been no depreciation in values, on the contrary, the average price of farm products for last December was higher than for any similar period during the decade, and this, notwithstanding the fact that there were disposed of and settled upon during 1900 and 1901 over twenty-five million acres of public lands."

"Now then, according to the most liberal estimate there is not sufficient water in the arid and sub-arid regions to irrigate over fifty or sixty million acres. Under the provisions of my bill the limit of expenditure is based upon the proceeds of sales from public lands, which last year did not exceed \$5,000,000 net. Assuming the proceeds from the sale of public lands to amount to \$5,000,000 per annum and the cost of constructing irrigation works to amount to \$5.00 per acre, it will be seen that not more than one million acres would be reclaimed a year; that it would take fifty or sixty years to irrigate the land for which we can obtain water and that this gradual reclamation would produce no effect on the prices of farm products. Even with largely increased proceeds from the sale of public lands the reclamation would be too slow to work injury to the Eastern farmers."

"As to the expense, the bill provides that the settlers on land benefited by the irrigation shall pay pro rata for the cost of constructing the works, presumably \$5.00 per acre. It further annuls the commutation clause of the homesteaded law in so far as irrigated lands are concerned, so that the settler will be obliged to actually live on the land for five years, and so removes the danger of the lands falling into the hands of speculators."

Senator Henshaw said he expected soon to call on the President and explain to him the workings of his bill which he felt confident would meet with Mr. Roosevelt's approval.

The subject of Chinese exclusion which is before the Senate Committee on Irrigation, is attracting considerable attention. Ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster has appeared before the Committee and testified to the effect that the proposed Mitchell bill was in violation of our treaty with China. Mr. Foster protested against the treatment which is accorded to the Chinese by this government and dwelt on the utility of trying to build up a trade with China for American exports while we accorded such scant courtesy to the nation and even to Chinese merchants who came to this country to purchase goods. I met Minister Wu at the Congressional reception at the White House on Thursday evening and, while Mr. Wu said that as the matter is in the hands of Congress he did not feel at liberty to express his views on the subject with much freedom, he naturally drifted back in the course of the conversation, to the subject which is uppermost in his mind. He said that there was the gravest misapprehension in this country in regard to the real conditions prevailing in China and that, as a matter of fact, there was nothing to fear from "Chinese invasion."

"China," he said, "is experiencing an industrial awakening and there will be a great demand there for labor for many years to come. Railroads will be built and many public works undertaken all of which will serve to keep at home the Chinese laborers who in former years sought a market for their labor in this country." Mr. Wu expressed much gratification at the publication, as Senate Document 106, of the anonymous presentation of the Chinese position but protested his absolute ignorance as to the author. He further expressed, in very graceful terms, his appreciation of the fairness of the President in returning the book taken in China by American Marines.

To Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, is due the credit of a very important amendment to the Healy bill which is intended to take the place of the Groat bill for the regulation of the sale of oleomargarine. Mr. Tawney secured the insertion of a provision in the bill by which any person coloring oleomargarine and selling the colored product to another will be regarded as a manufacturer and be subject to the same conditions. Speaking on the subject, Saturday, Mr. Tawney said:

"It is ascertained that it was the custom in many places, and particularly in Denmark, for the dealer in oleomargarine to furnish with each package a capsule containing coloring matter. By simply warming the oleomargarine and adding the coloring matter it became ready for the dealer, restaurateur or boarding-

house keeper to produce an article which readily deceived the consumer. That being the case, I felt that the dairy interests would not be adequately protected without the addition of the clause you refer to." A final clause has also been added providing a penalty for the infringement of the law.

DENONCES TIPPLERS

The Right Rev. Leighton Coleman, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware, in a sermon on "Intemperance," in New Brunswick, N. J., declared that while there is a grateful decline in intemperance among men, there is an alarming increase of intoxication among brilliant and cultured women, those belonging to the so-called better classes.

"There are various sorts of intemperance," said Bishop Coleman. "There may be intemperance of speech, of eating, of sleeping, of work, and of social recreation. But in intemperance in the use of liquor, intoxication is the most common and most baneful."

"The character of the victims as a rule is not that of the fool or idiot; the devil has no use for such to serve his purpose. It is the clever man and woman—alas, that I have to include in this category women—but it is true that of late there has been an improvement as far as men are concerned, but I believe that there is to-day a growing amount of intoxication among women in our land."

"A short time ago," he continued, "I addressed a meeting of leading social women in New York city, when I made that statement. A leading newspaper made a careful investigation and sent me a copy of its publication which contained the result. It proved that my statement was literally correct as far as New York city is concerned."

"I am sorry to say that it appertains to women and to mothers, particularly those who have the care and instruction of our future men and women. It is a sad outlook when mothers are not living in sobriety and chastity."

He finds shining marks among brilliant men and women, who, except for this fault, are at once recognized among the leading people of this land—kind, obliging and competent. It seems like a mockery to think or speak of them as inebriates. Drink has robbed both the State and the Church of men and women."

MEXICO AND CALIFORNIA

The Pennsylvania Railroad Personally-Conducted Tour to Mexico and California which leaves New York and Philadelphia on February 11 by special Pullman train, covers a large and intensely interesting portion of North America, embracing a great part of Mexico, the beautiful coast resorts of California, and on the return journey from California, the Grand Canyon of Arizona, one of the great wonders of the country. Fourteen days will be spent in Mexico and nineteen in California. The Mexico and California Society, to be used over the entire trip, will be composed of the highest grade Pullman Parlor, Smoking, Dining, Drawing-room, Sleeping Compartment, and Observation car, heated by steam and lighted by electricity. Round-trip ticket, covering all necessary expenses during the entire trip, \$575 from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad system east of Pittsburgh, and \$570 from Pittsburgh. For the tour of Mexico only the rate will be \$550, and for California only, which will leave February 25, \$575. For itinerary and full information apply to ticket agents, or address George W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

WILL SELL QUAIL

The Delaware Game Protective Association has had applications for live quail for propagating purposes from different parts of the state, but not having enough funds in hand to buy outright a sufficient number to satisfy the demand, has decided to make an offer of selling live quail to parties breeding them at \$3.50 per dozen to be distributed throughout the state, to parties who would be willing to pay for them in advance; not over one dozen birds to be delivered to one person. These quail cost the association \$5 per dozen, and the association feels that in this way that it may be able to assist some parties who wish to stock their covers, and at the same time be assisted in the interest of increasing the game in the state. Communications may be made direct to the secretary, J. D. Bush, Wilmington, Del.

CHURCH FENCE CAUSES STRIFE

A dispute has arisen between the congregation of the new Frankford M. E. Church and certain townships of Frankford. The church folk, desiring privacy and quiet and to protect themselves from the noise of railroad station patrons, erected a fence around the property in closing the heretofore open thoroughfare or short cut to the station. Town Council met and voted to have the little street opened, and awarded \$25 damages to the church, besides the cost of the fence, and six cents damages each to nine lot holders. The church is not satisfied and will try to get an injunction against opening the street.

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STATE AND MARYLAND NEWS

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

There is a scarcity of coal in Wilmington.

The promenade of the Delaware College juniors will be held on February 7th.

While riding on a Wilmington trolley car Harry Johnson was robbed of a valuable watch.

Anglers will endeavor to have net fishing prohibited in the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal.

Eugene DuPont, head of the powder company of Wilmington, is seriously ill of pneumonia.

William S. Hilles, of Wilmington, shot a goose weighing 18 pounds on his farm, near Reybold, a few days ago.

Farmers about Milford say they will not contract to furnish tomatoes to the canneries for as low as \$6 a ton.

Farmers in the lower part of the State are hopeful that this will be the best fruit and vegetable year since 1893.

Rev. T. B. Hunter has been invited to return as pastor of the Red Lion Methodist Episcopal Church for another year.

The Churchman mansion at Claymont will be torn down to make room for improvements of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Orders have been given to rush work on the elevation of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's tracks in Wilmington.

Judges of the Orphans' Court have decided that foreign surety companies will not be accepted on a bond for more than \$10,000.

The Seventh street bridge over the Brandywine was tested Saturday by the committee of the New Castle County Levy Court.

At a dinner given in Newark by Amos Thompson, a Harford County, Md., farmer, ex-Congressman Handy was the principal speaker.

Rev. Floyd W. Tompkins, rector of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, will conduct a quiet day for clergy at Bishopstead, Wilmington, on February 6th.

Ferdinand Schirmer has finished a series of large evangelistic meetings in Wilmington Opera House, 300 men staying for prayers after the meeting last Sunday.

Warden A. S. Meserve has selected from the old county jail at New Castle articles that will be useful at the workhouse, and the old jail property will revert to the town of New Castle.

OPPOSED TO ROTATION

Members of the Regular Republican County Committee took a determined stand on the rotation in office question at their meeting held on Saturday afternoon and the result was that certain county officials will have to be satisfied with one term.

The committee met in the rooms of the Young Men's Republican Club Wilmington, and owing to the object of the session there was a large attendance present. The amendment regarding the rotation in office was offered in September, 1900 and was intended to change the rules so that an office-holder might be eligible for a second term.

The subject was brought up by H. H. Bilyeu, and was strongly opposed by Levy Court Commissioner Charles McGinnis, who thought that one term should be enough for any office holder. When a vote on the question was taken it was defeated almost unanimously.

FOUR HUNDRED MILES AN HOUR

Edward A. Kelly, of Norfolk, has invented a car which he expects to be adopted by the United States government for carrying mail. The car is built of metal and will be run by electricity. It is shaped like a ship and the inventor is confident it can attain a speed of 400 miles an hour. The power used comes under the magnet system and conveys the current to the car from large tapering iron plates, the largest ends always pointing in the same direction. The inventor has experimented with a model which worked very satisfactorily. "This car will go from Washington to New York in an hour," said Mr. Kelly. "I should think a car for commercial use would be about three feet high and run on a gauge of about the same width. No man will be needed to go with the car, as it will be run on an enclosed track and its speed will be checked when it reaches the end of one of the large plates."

FLORIDA

The first Pennsylvania Railroad tour of the season to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington by special train on February 4.

Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$50.00; Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore and Washington, \$48.00; Pittsburgh, \$53.00; and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to ticket agents, or to Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Want Whipping Post

The town commissioners of Easton and the board of county commissioners held a conference last week looking to the establishment of a whipping post in the county as a check to the epidemic of petty crime. The jail is full and the violations of the liquor law are now more numerous than ever. It is said petty thieving, quarreling and fighting among the negroes are occurring daily, and the jail sentence or imprisonment in the house of correction has no terrors for the offenders. The steps to secure the necessary legislation will be taken at once.

REBUILDING BURNED TOWN

W. C. C. Knowles, of Laurel, has commenced building a three-story structure on the site of the burned plant of E. B. Riggins & Sons, on Market street, Laurel. In this new building the entire third floor will be used as a shirt and overall factory, the second floor will be a carriage and harness factory, while the first floor will be for cabinet making, exclusively.

John William Gordy and Emory L. Disharoon, of Salisbury, have entered into co-partnership with strong backing, for the purpose of manufacturing the new styles of fruit and truck packages, and they have purchased a site near N. Y., and N. R. Railroad, where the intention is to have the whole plant in operation by March 1st. They have already purchased their machinery. Both young men have had wide experience in lumbering and milling and expect to build up an extensive business. The old passenger station of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Seaford has been purchased by J. Y. Miller and removed to his real estate in Nantuxet City, where he will convert the building into a cold storage plant.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

Walter J. Young, secretary of the local Civil Service Board, has been advised by the department at Washington that two civil service examinations will be held at the Federal Building in Wilmington the latter part of next month as follows:

February 26th—For chief mechanic, National Bureau of Standards.

February 26th and 27th—Assistant inspector of boilers, steamboat inspection service. From the eligibles resulting from this examination it is expected that certification will be made to the position of assistant inspector of boilers of steam vessels for the district of New York, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum, and to other similar vacancies as they may occur.

John Neary is Clerk

Judge Cochran has appointed John Neary clerk of the Municipal Court. The announcement was made Tuesday morning. Mr. Neary, who is the son of Patrick Neary, a member of the New Castle bar, having been admitted last year. He was a student in the office of Judge George Gray. He never has held political office before.

The appointment creates no surprise. It was expected before, and would have been made, but for the pressure brought upon Judge Cochran by his attorneys, Messrs. Harman and Whitehead, who urged the appointment of their candidates, who were Baldwin Springer and Frank A. McClokey.

What Was It

A strange looking object was seen high up in the air over Georgetown, last week, and for a short time created considerable excitement. When first seen it was thought to be a large, white bird, but when it was nearly over the town those seeing it instantly decided that it must be an airship. When it was directly over the town the strange machine seemed to stop, but the rear portion of it was kept constantly moving. It was viewed by a large number of reliable people, and they all believe it was an airship of some kind.

PEACH BASKET WAR

The farmers of Sussex county and Eastern Shore will meet at Bridgeville today to discuss the peach basket question, which has caused no little stir among the farmers and commission men in various cities. The object of this meeting is to form a committee to go to Dover on February 6th and fight the Pennsylvania railroad on the proposed abolishment of peach baskets.

C. E. Kingston, of Wilmington, division freight agent, is trying to compel the shippers in Delaware and Eastern Shore to do away with shipping their peaches in baskets, and ship in carriers. This the farmers refuse to do as the buyers will not buy peaches put up in carriers, and in Providence, Albany and Boston the commission merchants are unable to sell Delaware peaches put up in carriers. As these are the best markets the farmers say that if they are compelled to ship in carriers they will not be able to pick from their fruit here to pay for their picking. These carriers cost 15 cents each, while the baskets cost but 3 cents and hold about the same quantity of fruit. Every peach will have to be of uniform size to fit in the carriers.

CANNED TOMATO TRUST

The American Packing Co., better known as the Canned Tomato Trust, announces that it has secured options on 75 canneries in New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. Some of them are for 60 days, while others run until May 1st. The plan of the company is to purchase and operate canneries with their former proprietors as managers at a salary. The company is now capitalized at \$150,000, but this amount may be increased to \$7,000,000. A Philadelphia trust company is financing the enterprise.

For the trust a committee is touring the counties of the three States, placing a valuation upon those canneries whose owners gave options. These valuations will be based upon the earnings of the canneries of 1898, 1899 and 1900. Sixty per cent of the assessed value will be paid in cash and the balance in preferred stock of the new company. Owners of the various plants must agree not to engage in the canning business for the period of 10 years.

Good Advice

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. More than seventy-five per cent of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects: such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Constipation, Palpitation of the Heart, Heartburn, Water-brash, Grawing and Burning Pain at the Pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Colic, Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth, Coming up of Food after Eating, Low Spirits, etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 75 cents. Two doses will relieve you. Try it. For sale by J. S. & W. Lattomus, Townsend, Del. Get Green's Prize Almanac.

Change in License Law

Delegates Joshua Clayton, of Elkton, Md., introduced a bill in the House to amend the Cecil County license law. The present law provides that there shall be three commissioners appointed by the County Commissioners who shall have the granting of all liquor licenses in the county. The bill to be introduced by Mr. Clayton would abolish the Commission and place the granting of licenses with the Judges of the Circuit court for Cecil county.

Conference Academy Debt

The Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D., pastor of Wesley M. E. Church, Dover, has not only Wesley about \$2,300 from his own parishioners toward the payment of the Wilmington Conference Academy debt of \$37,000, which is being raised this year by the Methodist churches of the Peninsula, but he has raised enough money beside to pay the apportionment of Armory M. E. Church of Dover and two other neighboring churches.

Please Remit

If our subscribers could see our bills for newspaper on which THE TRANSCRIPT is printed they would not wait to be called on for the amounts they owe. These bills are simply enormous, about double what they have been in the past, and we must collect all subscriptions. Look at the date on your paper, if it comes to you through the mail and if you owe us please remit.

Winter Tourist Season 1901-2 Tickets

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad has placed on sale at all principal offices East of the Ohio River, Winter Tourist Tickets to points in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina and Texas; also Havana, Cuba, and Nassau, N. P., at reduced rates. For additional information call on Agent Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

Sued for \$600 Taxes

Acting County Treasurer Retter Deputy Attorney General Richards Monday entered suit against J. Edward Adickes for \$600 taxes, alleged to be due on the Oxy-Hydrogen Gas plant. Mr. Ad

The Middletown Transcript

Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:
North Bound—8:30, 7:30, 6:30 and 5:30 a. m.
South Bound—11:55, 11:15 and 10:30 a. m.; 2:55
and 7:45 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows:
Going North—2:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 4:35
and 8:30 p. m.
Going South—2:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 4:35 p. m.
For Newark, Cecil, Eastville and Salem—
7:45 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEBRUARY 1, 1909

Local News.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. Ingram's.
Good Mince Meat, 4 pounds for 25 cents, at H. C. DeValinger's.
Don't forget that the Mutual Life is mutual.—Wm. A. GUM, Jr., Agent.
The latest creations of the milliner's art at moderate prices.—E. F. INGRAM.
The Old Reliable Fountain Rock Line is the best.—POOL & FOARD, Agents.
Good Prunes 5 cents lb.
H. C. DeValinger.

Try Kolb's Philadelphia Bread. For sale by H. S. BEASTEN & Co.
Fresh Fish and Clams daily at reasonable prices.
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BURLES.—I have a full line of Burles for fall planting, first-class quality.—E. J. STEELE, florist, Middletown, Del.

Don't insure until you consult your friends, then give me an interview.—Wm. A. GUM, Jr., Agent, Mutual Life of New York.

W. P. Rowan and son, Harry, of Earleville, Md., have killed twenty-seven wild geese this winter in the wheat field of Mr. Ezra Evans.

Until further notice Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 P. M., and on Saturdays from 3 to 5:30 P. M.

CELERY FOR SALE.—Fine Celery now ready for table use, in large or small quantities.—MIDDLETOWN GREEN HOUSES, E. J. Steele, Florist.

Remember the Mutual Life of New York is the oldest and ablest of insurance companies.—Wm. A. GUM, Jr., Agent, Middletown, Del.

Mr. Wm. A. GUM, Jr., Special Agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, has located here in the office of Mr. A. G. Cox.

FOR RENT.—That part of the "Kennedy Building" on North Broad street, now occupied by the Middletown Public Library. Possession given 25th of March next.—G. E. HUKILL.

To save wheelwright and blacksmith bills plant your wagons, horsebarns and implements with the Sherrin-Williams Wagon and Implement Paint.—Sold by J. F. McWHORTER & Son.

"I was chosen out of four applicants, being given the preference because I was a Goldkey graduate," writes Chas. Truitt. Get the free catalogue of Goldkey College. Write now. See adv. this page.

We have a large assortment of Blankets and Robes which will be sold at a reduction of 20 per cent. for the next 30 days. We do this to prevent carrying them over.—J. F. McWHORTER & Son.

LOST.—On Friday, January 24th, between Middletown and Sandy Branch, the brooch of a No. 10 Gun. Suitable reward if returned to Isaac Hollingsworth, Middletown, Del.; residence near Volunteer Hose House.

At Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow the pastor, Rev. L. E. Barrett, will preach morning and evening. Subjects: 10:30 A. M., "A Glorious Truth." 7:30 P. M., "Lot's Escape." All are cordially invited to these services.

Mr. C. M. Cochran has sold to Mr. John P. Ahern, of Millington, Md., his two-year-old colt by Red Cedar. This is the third colt Mr. Cochran has sold to Mr. Ahern in the past three years, and it is a very promising colt.

The New Century Club's program for next Tuesday afternoon is: "Madam Rowland," Miss Ethel Brady; "French Characteristics," Mrs. Fannie Lockwood; "The Restoration, and Royalists reaction," Mrs. L. P. McDowell.

Lent will commence this year at an unusually early date, February 12th. In 1900 the first of Lent was 16 days later than it will be the present year. Last year it was 8 days later. This brings Easter on the 30th of March.

We guarantee the Challenge and Scientific Feed Mills to be the best on the market, to grind more grain and to be more durable, and we sell them with that understanding.

J. F. McWHORTER & Son.
CLOSING OUT at Cost.—Having decided to discontinue business, I will offer for sale my entire stock of farm wagons, horsebarns, hay rickings, drag harrows, one, two and three-horse teams. All to be sold at a low figure. J. C. GREEN.

W. R. Reynolds has accepted the special agency for the Peninsula of the Economic Insurance Company of America, home office, Ford Building, Wilmington, Del. Peter J. Ford, President and Peter A. Harty, ex-Prothonotary, Secretary and Treasurer.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is "Inasmuch." Matt. 23:31-46. Leader, Miss Sybil Jones.

The weight of the snow which fell Wednesday, caused the roof of the canopy of J. H. Preston & Co. to collapse Wednesday night. The loss will be heavy one to the owners of the local plant, as the building was badly damaged by the fall of the roof.

The following physicians have been appointed in this State for the Maryland and Delaware divisions of the P. W. & H. Railroad: Drs. J. A. Draper, of Wilmington; John J. Black, New Castle; I. S. Vallandigham, Middletown; Charles C. Harmonson, Clayton; L. A. Bishop and J. H. Wilson, Dover; B. L. Lewis, Harrington; William Marshall, Millersville; O. D. Robinson and R. G. Paynter, Georgetown; W. F. Harris, Seaford; E. W. Goldborough, Delmar.

Rev. Charles I. Stangle, formerly of this town, has bought a controlling interest in the *Free Lance*, a weekly paper published at Fredericksburg, Va. Mr. Stangle moved his family to Fredericksburg Monday and assumed charge of the management of the paper.

Uncle Sam's.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending January 31st: Ladies, Miss Ed Gray, Miss Farnham, Freeman, Miss Annie Williams, Miss Mary E. Williams. Gentlemen, Joseph Wameter, James Williams.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of the Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is Christian Endeavor Day. (Twenty-first birthday.) Mat. 26:31-46. Leader, Miss Annie Ellison.

The Elite Vaudeville Company will be the attraction at the Middletown Opera House, Wednesday evening, February 3rd. This company will present a grand triple programme, composed of minstrel, vaudeville and comedy, and the performance will please the young as well as the old. Reserved seats are now on sale at Letherby's.

The comedy drama "Down on the Farm," will be with us again on the evening of February 8th, and the people of Middletown and the surrounding vicinity will learn with much pleasure of the return of this up-to-date show to our town. To those who witnessed their show on their last visit here, it is not necessary to say it is one of the best companies that travel on this Peninsula. Their noon-day parade is one of the many great attractions, and their jokes are always new and up-to-date.

Dance rumor says it was at a recent card party that a bright young man found himself sitting next to a young society belle with beautiful arms and neck. Suddenly his fair companion exhibited signs of nervousness. Her face was a look of alarm as she said: "I am in misery, I was vaccinated the other day and it has taken beautifully. I could almost scream it hurts so." The young man looked at the beautiful arms and seeing no mark there said: "Why were you vaccinated?" "In Middletown," she replied, the smile chasing away the look of pain.

The first heavy snow storm of the winter visited this section Wednesday covering the ground to a depth of several inches. The snow began to fall early in the morning, and soon had the streets covered with a white sheet and brought great joy to the heart of the small boy. About six inches of snow fell here, but the storm is reported as being much less severe than the one of the State.

At the time of going to press the merry jingle of sleigh bells is heard on all sides, and those who are fortunate enough to own a sleigh are enjoying the sport.

The *Smyrna Times* says: "Mr. D. H. Naramore, who has been conducting the Photograph Studio in the Post Office Building, will be succeeded on March the first by his son, Mr. L. J. Naramore, of Alexandria, Va. The father intends moving to Washington, D. C., to take up his residence, and from there will superintend the studio at Alexandria. His son will make his headquarters at Dover, where he and his family will reside, and will operate the studio in both Dover and Smyrna." Mr. Naramore resided in Middletown for more than a year, and has many friends in this community.

The young friends of Miss Lottie Jolla tendered her a pleasant surprise last Friday evening. Dancing, games, music, etc., were indulged in by the guests and at a late hour ice cream, cake, fruit and lemonade was served. The evening was one of much enjoyment to the participants. Among those present were: Misses Verdie Edwards, Mary Gill, Frances Lewis, Anna Denny, Edna Fairbanks, Jean Metten, Louise McCrone, Lillian Walker, Sallie Racine, Bessie Forster. Messrs. Benjamin Biggs, Taylor Barnett, Norman Kumpel, Reese Davidson, Lloyd Bratton, James Adkins, Victor Jones, Charles Byron, Elwood Denny, Raymond Edwards, John J. Jolls, Ephraim J. Jolls, Roster McCrone.

DEATH OF JAMES BROCKSON

James Brockson, an aged and highly respected citizen of Clayton, died Tuesday morning after a brief illness. Mr. Brockson was born in New Castle Co. in 1818 and always resided in Delaware. Deceased leaves a widow and ten children, Richard C. and J. E. Brockson, Blackbird; Samuel J. of near that place; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Weldon, Townsend; George and Franklin Brockson, Mrs. Mary E. Lattomus, Clayton; William Brockson, Middletown; Clarence V. Brockson, Wilmington. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at his late residence, Main Street, Clayton. Interment in Old Fellows' Cemetery.

THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF JESSE B. CANN

The news of the death of Jesse B. Cann which occurred in Philadelphia on Saturday last was a great shock to his many friends in this community. Deceased was the son of Mr. Allibone Cann, of Kirkwood and was in his 24 year. He was employed at Broad Street Station as receiving baggage master, and was sick only a short while. Funeral services were held at the residence of his parents near Kirkwood Wednesday, interment being made in St. Georges Cemetery.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Through his attorney G. L. Townsend, Jr., Harry Black has entered suit for damages against R. T. Cochran and the Eagle Creamery Company. Mr. Black was seriously scalded at the creamery on Thursday, January 21st, and claims the accident was caused by a defective boiler, and asks for \$5,000 damages. Since the accident occurred Mr. Cochran has disposed of his interests in the creamery to Messrs. Cook & Brady.

ATTEMPTED MURDER

Excitement was created at Laurel Wednesday night by Frank H. Hastings, a minstrel, attempting to brain his father-in-law, the Rev. John H. Mitchell. Hastings was out drinking, and Mr. Mitchell went in search of him. The former returned home first and when the men met, there were hot words followed by blows. Hastings grabbed an axe, and Mr. Mitchell was severely cut on his hand while shielding his head. Hastings was employed as operator at the station in this town about four years ago.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. H. C. Eliason was in Philadelphia Tuesday.

Mr. Harry Ingram has returned from Philadelphia.

Mr. H. C. DeValinger was in Elkton on Thursday.

Mr. W. W. Freeman was a Wilmington visitor Tuesday.

Miss Lena Staats was an over Sunday visitor in Baltimore.

Mrs. W. W. Freeman spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Miss May Conner is visiting relatives at Still Pond and Kennedysville, Md.

Mr. William J. Bicket spent several days this week at his home in Parksburg, Pa.

Mrs. Z. T. Bradley has returned from a visit of several days with her daughter in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Metten, of Wilmington, were guests of his parents here over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loomis Wise, of New Castle, are being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jolla.

Messrs. Herman Conner and William Brey spent Saturday with friends in Back Creek Neck.

Mrs. A. L. Bradley, of near Townsend, spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pogue, of Wilmington, were the guests of Mrs. Rachel Conner one day this week.

Mrs. J. E. Ginn and Master Delbert Gallagher attended the funeral of Mrs. West at Dover on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Bailey and son William, of Philadelphia, spent several days of this week with Mrs. M. Kumpel.

Mrs. George Eichenhofer, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Price on Green street.

Messrs. Charles and Howard Petticoat, of Wilmington, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilson over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morris, of Smyrna, were entertained on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Lee, on East Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWhorter entertained a large number of their friends at their North Broad street home Thursday evening.

Mrs. Harry Ellison, of Wilmington, returned home Thursday, after spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Emerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster Hill, of Kennedysville, Md., were the guests of Mrs. Rachel Conner, on South Cochran street, part of this week.

BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS

Snow! Snow! Snow!

Charles Boulden, of Kent County, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Henry George.

Miss Helen Spear, of Earleville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward O. Spear on Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Lewis, of Dover, has been spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. Redgrave.

Mr. Clinton Turner who recently sold his fine farm here, is on a gunning trip to North Carolina.

Mr. Harry Bolton, of Middletown, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bolton.

On Wednesday night a great many were out with their sleighs for a royal good time, it being the first sleighing snow of the season.

The heavy rains of last week and the early part of this week caused immense washes in the roads, and is very dangerous at night to any but skillful drivers.

President McKinley's birthday was observed in the schools here on Wednesday afternoon and a collection taken to assist in the erection of the national monument at Canton, Ohio.

OPERA HOUSE

Lovers of minstrel, melody and comedy will find a surfeit of all these at the Opera House on Wednesday evening, February 5th, for which date Managers Eliason & Chance have secured "A Vaudeville Company." No other company seems to have the same hold on the people as a drawing card as does this one. A glance at the programme of this company leaves no doubt but that a high class performance is given. Among the many well-known performers with this company are: R. E. Garner, Harry Montgomery, William Nelson, Thomas Heise, William Mitchell, James Collins, Vincent Herig, George McMurtie, William Mann, May DeVaughn, Della Tingham and Mand VanDyke. Mr. C. Garner, the manager of the company has made the effort of his life and confidentially promises that the company and its performance will eclipse anything ever seen in Middletown. Tickets are on sale at W. S. Letherby's where they may be procured and seats reserved. The prices of admission are: Children 10cts, Adults 25 cts, Reserved seats 35 cts.

THIS EXPLAINS ITSELF!

WILLIAM R. REYNOLDS,

NOTARY PUBLIC.

APPOINTED MAY 6, 1897,

FOR 7 YEARS,

STATE OF DELAWARE.

RESIDENCE BURNED

The residence of George S. Avery, about one mile from Millford, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon about five o'clock. The fire started from a defective flue and when discovered had gained such headway that it was impossible to save anything. The family, consisting of Mr. Avery, his wife, mother and several small children, one sick, escaped in a snow storm to the house of William I. Simpson, where they were cared for. The house, valued at about \$2,000 was insured for a small amount in the Grange. Mr. Avery will rebuild.

Blackbird School Has a Library

Blackbird Public School has received a traveling library of 64 volumes from the New Century Club, Wilmington. The list includes some of the best writings by the standard authors, and affords a valuable course of reading to the pupils and the residents of the district. The library is open on Fridays from 9 A. M. till 4 P. M.

THREE SCORE AND TEN

The Venerable Brother Prayed for God's Blessings Upon the Sunday School, the Church and all Friends.

On last Sunday, January 26th, our Justice of the Peace, Alfred G. Cox, rounded out his three score and ten years of human life, and on Monday 1st of the notable event was celebrated in a becoming manner by a dinner given by his family in his honor. It was a family affair, being attended by Mr. Cox's near relatives, with the pastor of the family and his wife. Those present were: Mrs. Clara Yothens and Mrs. J. Harry Petherbridge, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Pogue, of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hurn, Miss Eliza R. Hurn and Rev. Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Barrett, of Middletown.

At two o'clock the company sat down to dinner, spending two and one-half hours at the table. Each guest was presented with a souvenir consisting of a card tied with ribbon, on which was written an appropriate poetical selection. The meal was spiced with speeches, readings, recitations and song, to say nothing of the mirth and good fellowship that prevailed, not only at table, but throughout the whole day. Many of the invited relatives could not make it because to be present, but sent congratulations with appropriate remembrances. A sister-in-law sent a card referring to a text of scriptures: Hebrews, 13th Chap. and 20th and 21st Verses. A nephew sent the following poem:

"We take no note of time
By hours and days and years,
To give it then a tongue
Is wise in man."
And it is good for us
To celebrate the natal day
Of this good man.

Our husband, brother, uncle, friend!
To-day he is three score and ten;
Hail, hail, the glorious score
And may there come and go
No more of years on earth,
Aye, many days,
Aye, many years!

Ere yet "his summons come
To wrap the draperies of his couch
About him,
And down to pleasant dreams"
Three score and ten
We scarce can think it true!
To gaze upon his ruddy cheek
And beaming eye.

To feel our senses thrill
With his hand warm and strong,
We rejoice to know him young,
While yet his years cry nay.
So pass the loving cup
Let each quaff long and deep.
For we drink his life and health
And that angels guard his sleep.
—Harry.

The afternoon and evening to a late hour were spent in social chat and merry making, every one bent on making the very best of it. Space will not permit to make a full record of all the incidents of this memorable occasion.

In the evening a delegation from the Bethesda M. E. Sunday School, of which Judge Cox is Superintendent, called and paid their respects to the "Old Man," and tendered their congratulations and best wishes for many happy returns.

One incident touched the heart of Mr. Cox greatly, and that was when the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Barrett, arose, and in a neat and appropriate speech, spoke of the "valuable services rendered to the Sunday School and Church by the Superintendent, Mr. Cox, concluding his remarks by presenting him with a purse of gold. Mr. Cox responded feelingly, thanking all who had participated, for their thoughtful consideration of one who had lived and labored among them so long, praying for God's choicest blessings upon the Sunday School, the Church, and all their dear friends, and had contributed to make the occasion memorable.

On Saturday night, or rather Sunday morning, one of the invited guests from a distance very unexpectedly put in an appearance, which incident called out the following from one who could not be present:

THE MID-NIGHT GUEST

[After Poe—a long time after.]

DEDICATED TO AUNT MARY.

It was after mid-night, Deary, I had sought my bed so weary,

Too weary to even wonder at your Uncle's snore!

While I lay there nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping,

As if some one gently rapping, rapping, on the old front door.

"'Tis some visitor," I muttered, "tapping at my chamber door—

How late! It must be morning, vainly I had sought to borrow

Rest from slumber—but to my sorrow still I could not move,

When this rapping, tapping at our old front door.

Came again once more!

And with limbs a bit uncertain, I arose and drew the curtain,

Winkling my eyes as my glasses fell upon the floor.

Long I stood there wondering, fearing deep into the darkness peering

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PENINSULA NOTES

A movement has been started by friends of Thomas S. Clark, who is confined in the Trenton Penitentiary, toward having clemency extended to him. If the time allowing for good behavior is allowed him, his time will expire July 5th, of this year.

The Kent County Bar Association has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Henry R. Johnson; vice-president, Henry Ridgely, Jr.; secretary and treasurer, Alexander M. Daly; censors, Henry R. Johnson, James H. Hughes and William T. Smithers.

The banquet of the Alumni of Dickinson College which will be held at the Baltimore Club, Roland Park, Baltimore on February 7th, promises to be a notable affair and many prominent persons will be present. Chief Justice Charles B. Lore of Delaware will deliver an oration. The chief justice was graduated from the institution in the class of 48.

Special Agent A. B. Smith who has had charge of the plans and arrangement of the Rural Free Delivery service for Kent County, completed his work this week and has gone West. He will return again before the service goes into effect, about the middle of March, and will be pleased to hear of all complaints and if they are just he will endeavor to remedy them.

Dr. J. B. Merritt

